plementation of the revised scale from 1.1.1973 is pending with the High Court, while in the case of Senior Personal Assistants, consultations with the Central Universities are in progress. The demand of Library Attendatns/Laboratory Attendants for higher scale has not been accepted. No decision has yet been taken on the revision of staffing pattern in Colleges.

Role of the Sports Authority of India in Sports Aid Programme

*92. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the role of the Sports Authority of India in organising the Sports Aid Programme for the benefit of African children;

(b) the amount of money spent by the Sports Authority of India to organise this event; and

(c) whether the Sports Authority of India proposes to organise similar programmes for the benefit of Indian children or for victims of droughts in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Sports Authority of India was designated as the nodal agency on behalf of the Government to assist UNICEF in organising in India the 'Sports Aid' also described as 'Race Against Time'.

(b) Rupees 71,580/-

(c) No such proposal exists at present.

Merger of Air India and Indian Airlines

*93. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 59 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1985 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to integrate/merge Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what benefits are likely to accrue as a result of this merger; and

(c) by when the merger is likely to take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The question of integrating Air India and Indian Airlines is under preliminary examination. It is, therefore, not possible at this stage to indicate the likely date of merger.

Grant to the Indian Council of World Affairs

*94. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) receives an annual grant from Government;

(b) if so, what was the amount of the grant given to the ICWA during the last five years, year-wise and the purpose for which the grant was given;

(c) whether Government have, at any stage, made any assessment with regard to the working of the ICWA in order to know as to how far the grant was utilised for the purpose for which it was given; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) Grant is given by Government to the Indian Council of World Affairs for the maintenance of their library. The grant given during the last five